

# Solo Leveling

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HUNTERS ARE  
THE ONES PROTECTING  
OUR CITIZENS FROM  
MAGIC BEASTS, NOT THE  
GOVERNMENT. THEY'RE  
THE BACKBONE OF  
THIS COUNTRY,

AND THE  
ORGANIZATION THAT  
REGULATES THEM  
IS THE HUNTER'S  
ASSOCIATION.

*I CAN MAKE  
YOU ONE OF US,  
MR. SUNG.*







SO HE'S OFFERING ME... POWER?



WHY ARE YOU GOING  
TO SUCH LENGTHS TO  
RECRUIT ME...?







I TRUST THAT  
YOU KNOW ABOUT  
THE FIVE MAJOR  
GUILDS?



CURRENTLY,  
THE FIVE GUILDS HAVE  
ACHIEVED A CAREFUL  
BALANCE OF  
POWER.



HUNTERS



FAME



WHITE TIGER



FIEND



KNIGHTS

IF YOU  
JOIN ONE, HOWEVER,  
THE DISTRIBUTION OF  
POWER WILL BECOME  
DISPROPORTIONATE  
AND CAUSE A  
HUGE SHIFT IN THE  
PLAYING FIELD.

HUNTERS CAN'T  
BE CONTROLLED USING  
GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY



ALONE, AS THEY CAN'T  
BE FORCED TO ABIDE  
BY THE LAW.

THAT'S WHERE  
THE ASSOCIATION  
COMES IN.

MAGIC BEASTS  
AREN'T THE ONLY  
MONSTERS IN  
THIS WORLD.

HUNTERS  
ARE EQUALLY  
MONSTROUS.

WHAT IS  
YOUR DECISION,  
MR. SUNG?

...



IT'S NOT A  
BAD OFFER.



I KNOW THAT A LOT OF  
ORDINARY PEOPLE ARE  
ABLE TO TAKE THE FAST  
TRACK TO SUCCESS WITH  
MR. GO'S SUPPORT.

HE HAS  
INFLUENCE OVER NOT  
ONLY THE HUNTER'S  
ASSOCIATION,

BUT ALSO THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY, GOVERNMENT,  
AND THE PRESS.

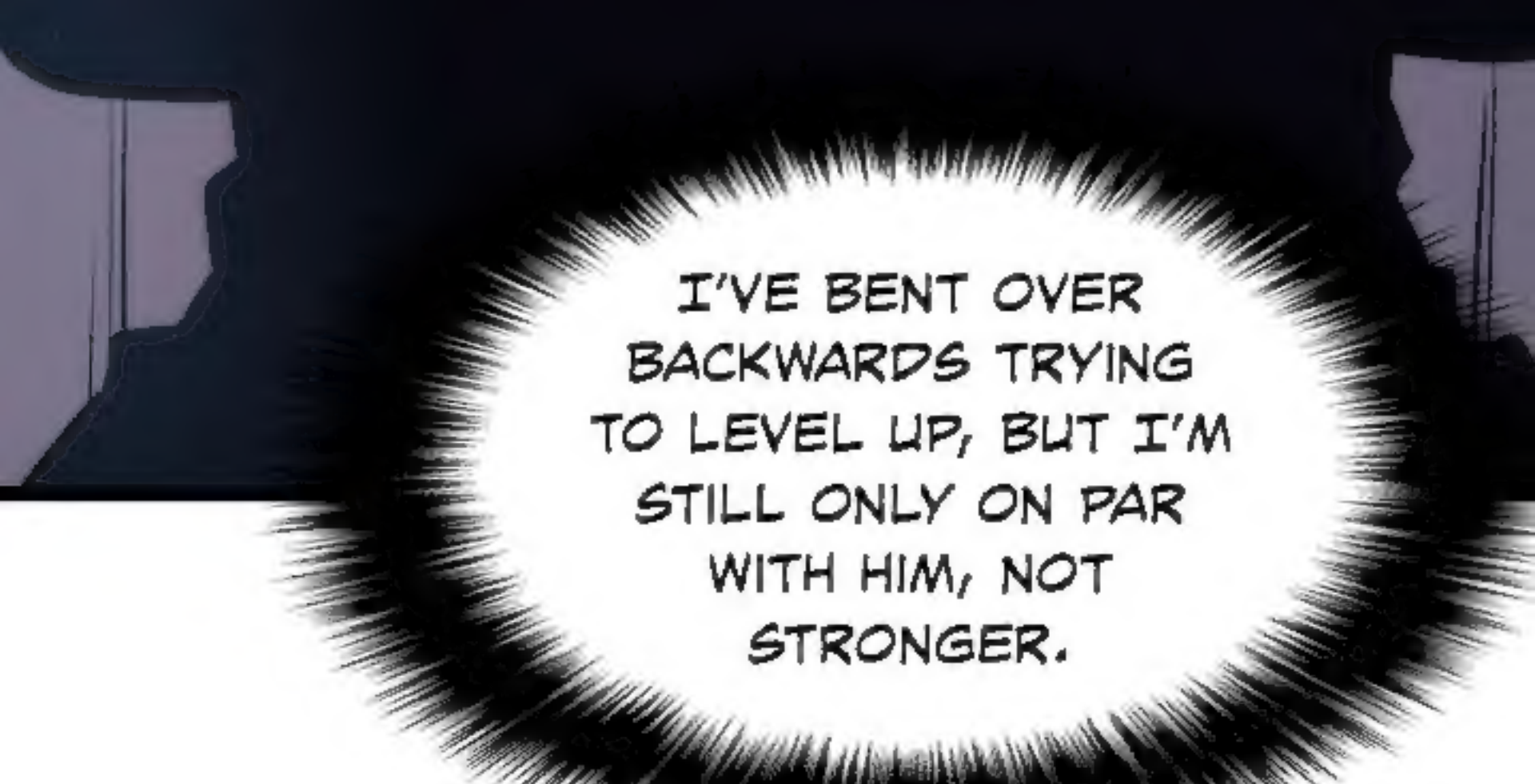


HE'S A  
REMARKABLE  
MAN.


NOT  
TO MENTION  
SKILLED AS  
WELL.








I'VE BENT OVER  
BACKWARDS TRYING  
TO LEVEL UP, BUT I'M  
STILL ONLY ON PAR  
WITH HIM, NOT  
STRONGER.



THIS KIND OF  
OPPORTUNITY ISN'T  
EASY TO COME BY.



THE HUNTER'S  
ASSOCIATION IS A  
SEPARATE ENTITY FROM  
THE FIVE MAJOR GUILDS,  
AND ACTS AS AN  
OPPOSING FORCE.

THIS  
COUNTRY NEEDS  
THE ASSOCIATION.



I'M AN OLD MAN  
WHO DOESN'T HAVE  
MUCH TIME LEFT,  
SO...

...I NEED TO FIND  
A SUCCESSOR.

I'M SORRY.







SO IN THE END,  
HE'S ALL ABOUT  
THE MONEY...



*I WANT TO  
FIGHT.*







DO YOU  
MEAN...

YOU WANT TO  
FIGHT AGAINST  
MAGIC BEASTS?

YES.

THE ASSOCIATION RAIDS  
DUNGEONS, TOO, BUT  
THEY'RE USUALLY D-RANK  
OR E-RANK ONES THAT  
THE OTHER GUILDS DON'T  
BOTHR WITH.

IF I JOIN



THE ASSOCIATION,  
I WON'T BE ABLE  
TO LEVEL UP  
ANYMORE.

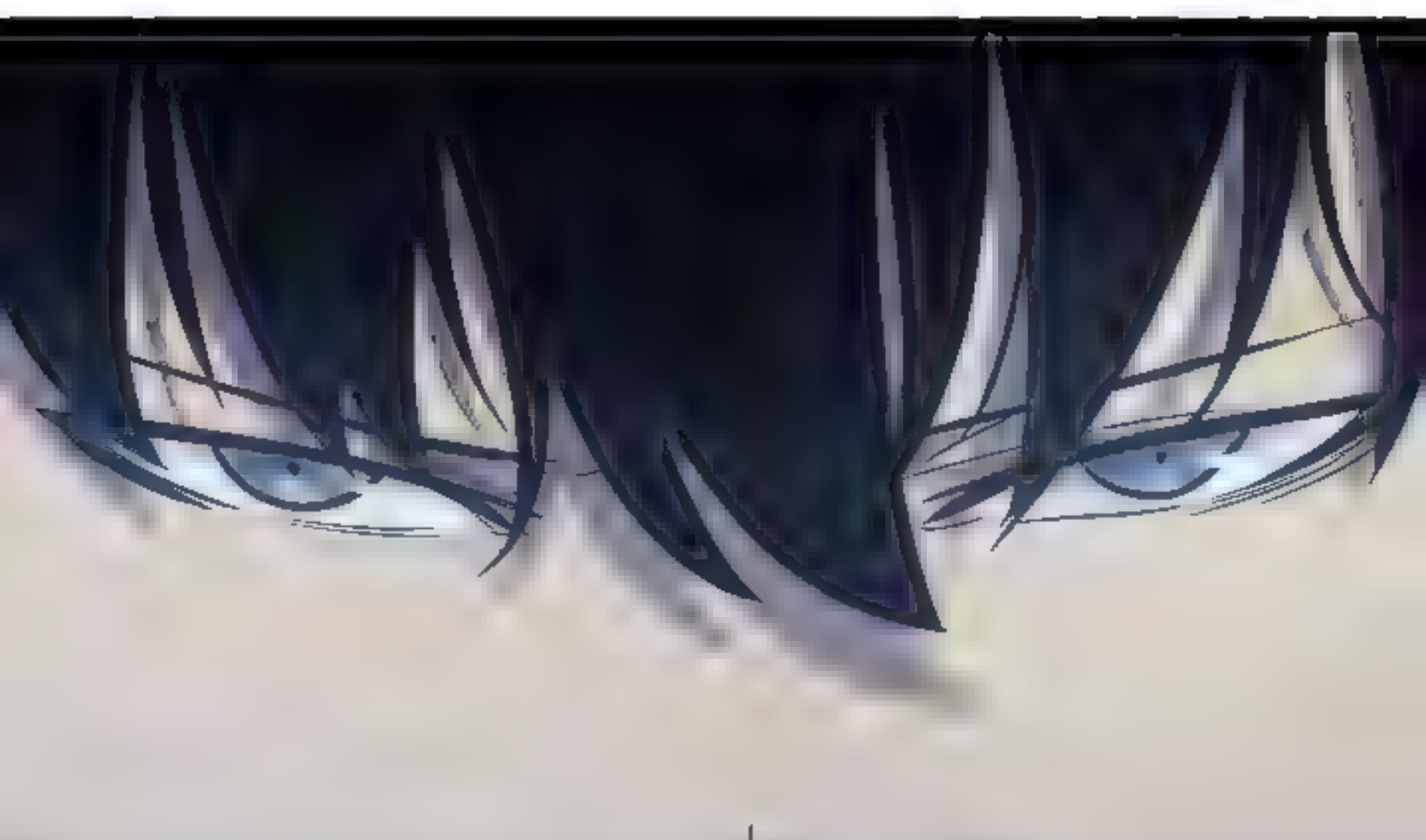
AS LONG AS  
I KEEP GOING,  
I CAN CONTINUE  
TO GROW AS A  
HUNTER.

I BELONG IN THE  
DUNGEONS.





I DON'T BELIEVE THIS.



THOSE EYES... HE'S SERIOUS.

I CAN'T  
REMEMBER THE  
LAST TIME I FELT  
THIS WAY.



BADUM

I DIDN'T KNOW  
MY HEART WAS  
STILL CAPABLE OF  
BEATING THIS  
FAST.

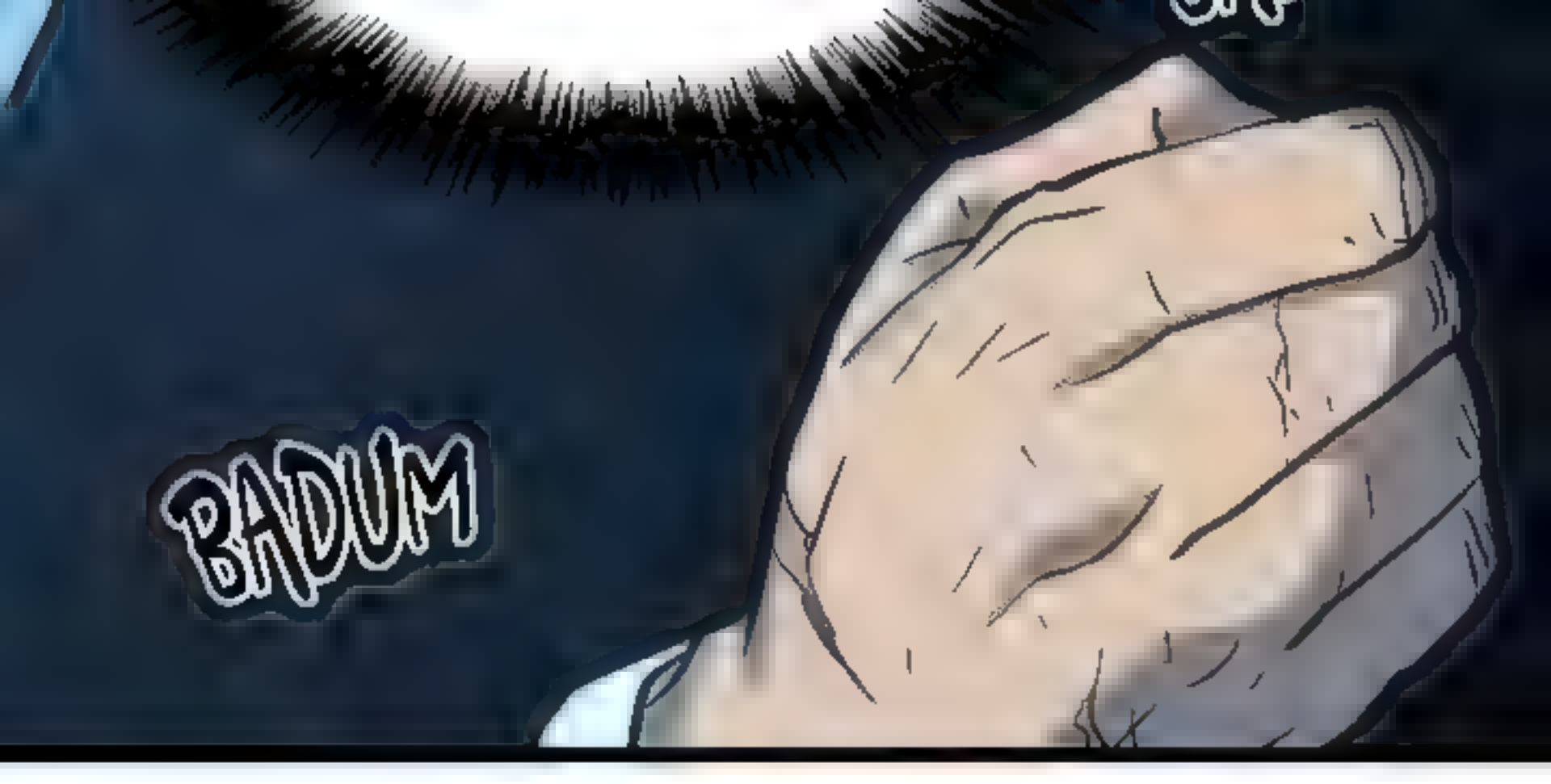


BADUM

IF I WERE JUST  
20, NO, 10 YEARS  
YOUNGER, I COULD  
FIGHT ALONGSIDE  
YOUNG HUNTERS  
LIKE HIM....!

BADUM





BADUM

MY LITTLE  
SISTER IS HOME  
ALONE RIGHT NOW,  
SO I'D BETTER  
GET GOING.




THANK  
YOU FOR YOUR  
TIME.

MR. WOO.




YOU DO HAVE A  
GOOD EYE.



A close-up of a man with blonde hair, wearing dark sunglasses and a white shirt with a dark tie. He has a serious expression. The background is dark with some light rays emanating from behind him.

I WASN'T THE ONE  
WHO DEFEATED THE  
BEASTS INSIDE THE  
DOUBLE DUNGEON.

A man in a black robe stands with his back to the viewer, looking out of a doorway. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the doorway and a window above it.

THEN  
WHO ON EARTH  
WAS IT...?


A man in a black robe stands with his back to the viewer, looking out of a doorway. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the doorway and a window above it.

YOU KNOW,  
BACK WHEN HEALERS  
CAME INTO EXISTENCE  
AND HEALING  
MAGIC WAS FIRST  
DISCOVERED,


I THOUGHT THAT  
I MIGHT BE ABLE  
TO REGAIN MY YOUTH.  
I THOUGHT I COULD  
FINALLY GET  
RID OF...

...MY AGING  
BODY.







BUT IT WAS FALSE  
HOPE. NOT EVEN THE MOST  
POWERFUL HEALING SPELL  
COULD REVERSE  
OLD AGE.




THE  
MAJOR GUILDS ARE  
CONTINUING TO RECRUIT  
NEW HUNTERS, EVEN  
AS WE SPEAK.



THEY'RE ALREADY AS  
STRONG AS THE COUNTRY'S  
MILITARY FORCES. THE  
SECOND THE ASSOCIATION  
LOSES POWER, THEY'D BE  
LIKE MAD DOGS ON  
THE LOOSE.




BUT YOU ARE THE  
LEADER OF THIS  
ASSOCIATION,  
SIR.



THAT'S RIGHT. I ALWAYS  
THOUGHT I HAD TO BE  
IN POWER IN ORDER TO  
SHOW EVERYONE THAT  
THE ASSOCIATION  
WAS THRIVING.





BUT IT SEEMS  
I WAS WRONG.

"A HUNTER  
BELONGS IN THE  
DUNGEONS,"  
EH...?

CLEAR MY  
SCHEDULE FOR  
THE DAY.



BUT YOU HAVE  
A MEETING WITH  
THE MINISTERS  
TODAY...

I'M NOT IN THE  
MOOD TO WASTE MY  
ENERGY ON THOSE  
POMPOUS OLD  
GEEZERS.

HOW ABOUT WE  
GO OUT FOR SOME  
DRINKS?

I'M NOT MUCH  
OF A DRINKER,  
SIR...

IS THAT ALL  
RIGHT WITH YOU?





HUH, THAT'S  
A SURPRISE.

SUNG JINWOO  
MANAGED TO MAKE  
MY HEART RACE IN  
EXCITEMENT...



I WONDER  
HOW WELL HE  
CAN HOLD HIS  
LIQUOR.





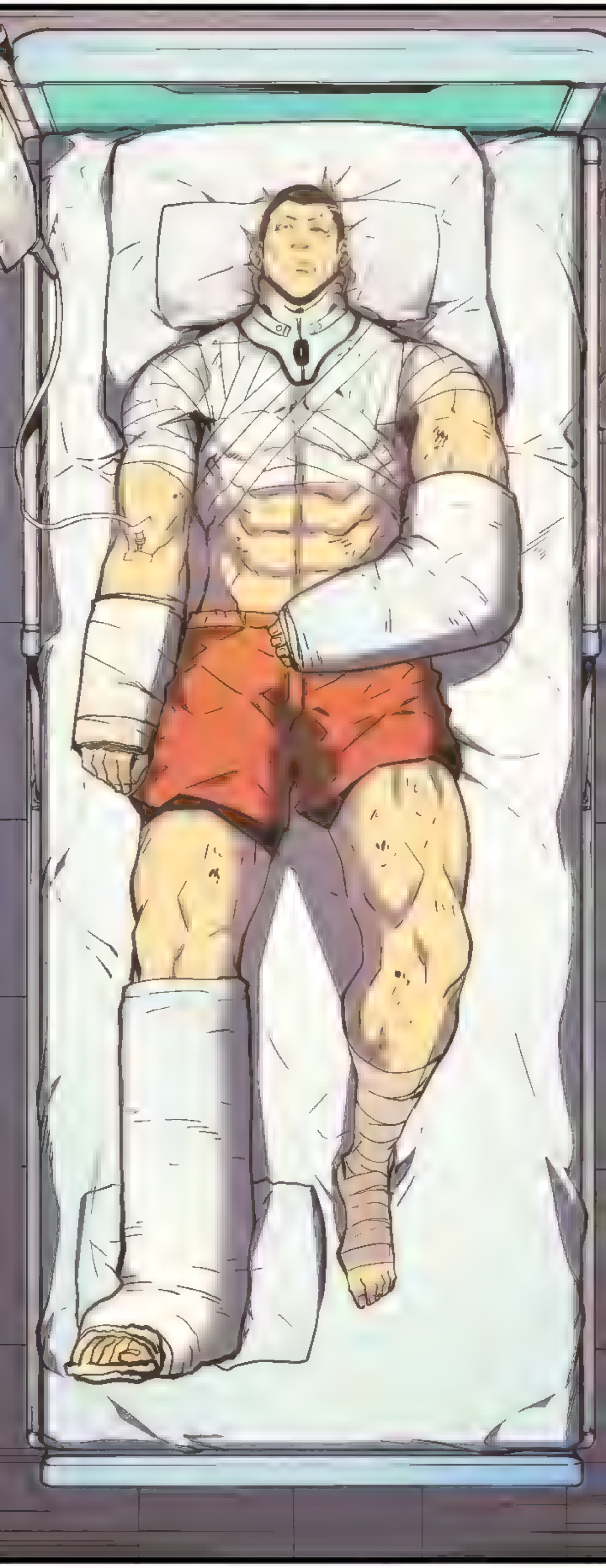








SO...





...IT WASN'T A DREAM?



WHAT BUSINESS  
DO YOU HAVE WITH  
A LOSER LIKE  
ME?



IF YOU HAVE  
SOMETHING TO SAY,  
JUST SAY IT AND BE  
ON YOUR WAY...



...DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR.

I'VE BEEN  
WAITING TO ASK  
YOU SOMETHING  
IN PERSON.

ARE YOU  
SURE...

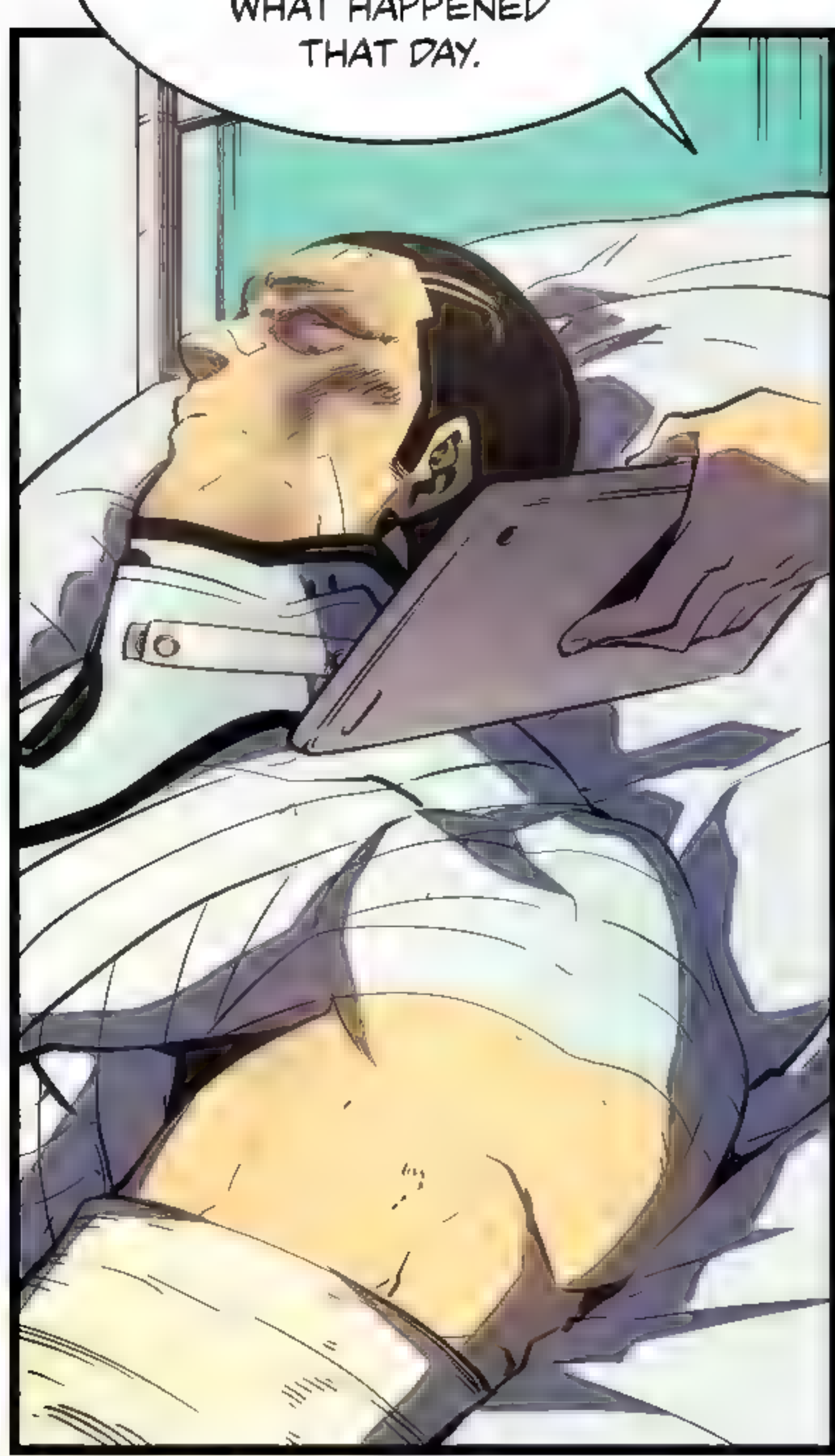
SUNG IL-HWAN  
IS A BEAST?

ARE YOU IMPLYING  
THAT I ATTACKED A  
HUMAN BEING?





HERE, TAKE A  
LOOK. IT'S FOOTAGE  
FROM A NEARBY SECURITY  
CAMERA THAT RECORDED  
WHAT HAPPENED  
THAT DAY.

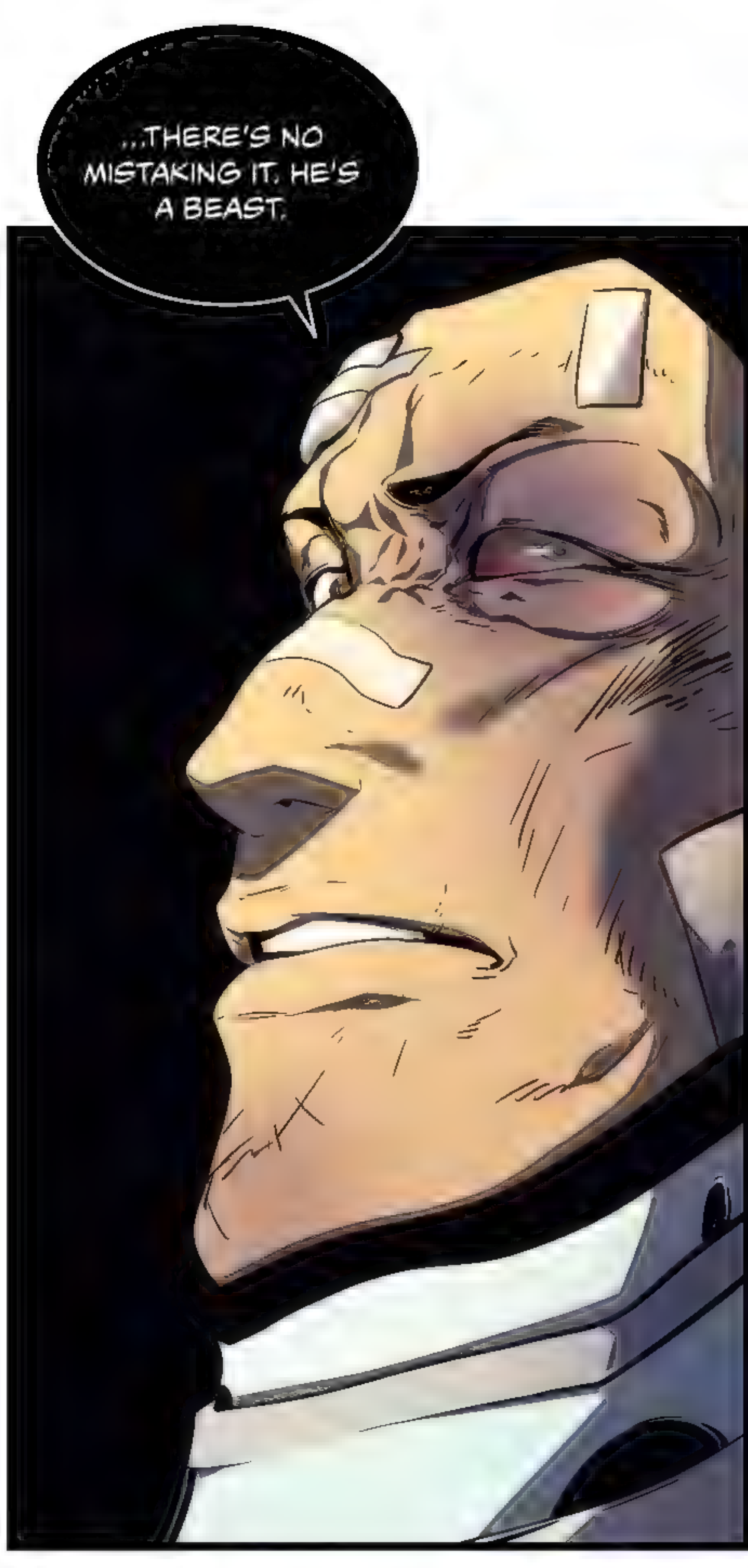
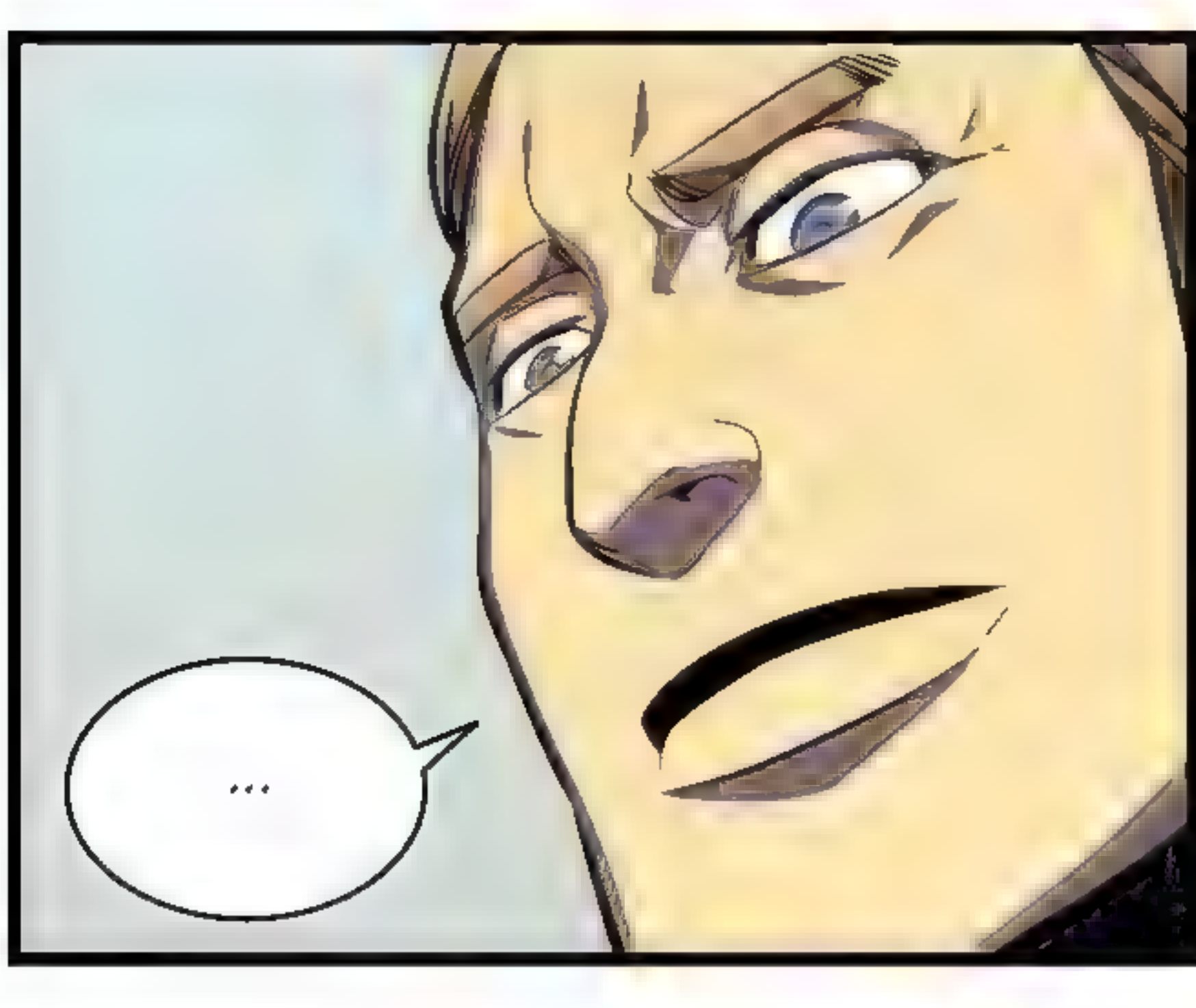


...I HAVE NEVER  
SEEN OR HEARD OF  
A MAGIC BEAST  
TRYING TO HELP  
HUMANS.



DO YOU STILL  
THINK THIS MAN  
IS A BEAST?





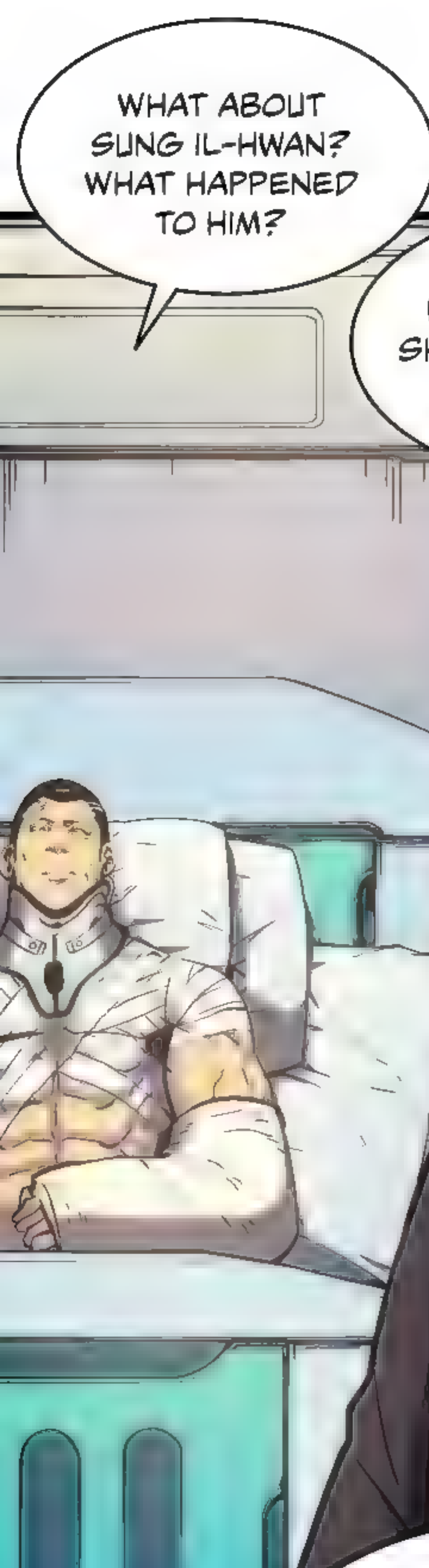




VERY WELL.

ONCE YOU'VE  
RECOVERED, STOP  
BY THE BUREAU.

THERE ARE SOME  
FORMS I NEED YOU  
TO FILL OUT.



WHAT ABOUT  
SLUNG IL-HWAN?  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TO HIM?

HE DISAPPEARED  
SHORTLY AFTER THE  
FIGHT.

THE BUREAU IS TRYING TO  
TRACK HIM DOWN, BUT WE'RE  
NOT SURE IF WE'LL BE ABLE  
TO CAPTURE A BEAST THAT  
WAS STRONG ENOUGH  
TO DEFEAT YOU...



**F\*CK!**

IT WAS A  
HUMILIATING  
DEFEAT.

DON'T YOU  
EVER STEP FOOT  
IN KOREA.

I'M NOT SAYING  
THIS FOR MY SON'S  
SAKE, I'M SAYING  
IT FOR YOURS.

YOU WILL NEVER  
REST IN PEACE, EVEN  
IN DEATH.

I'LL NEVER REST  
IN PEACE, EVEN IN



IN PLACE, EVEN IN

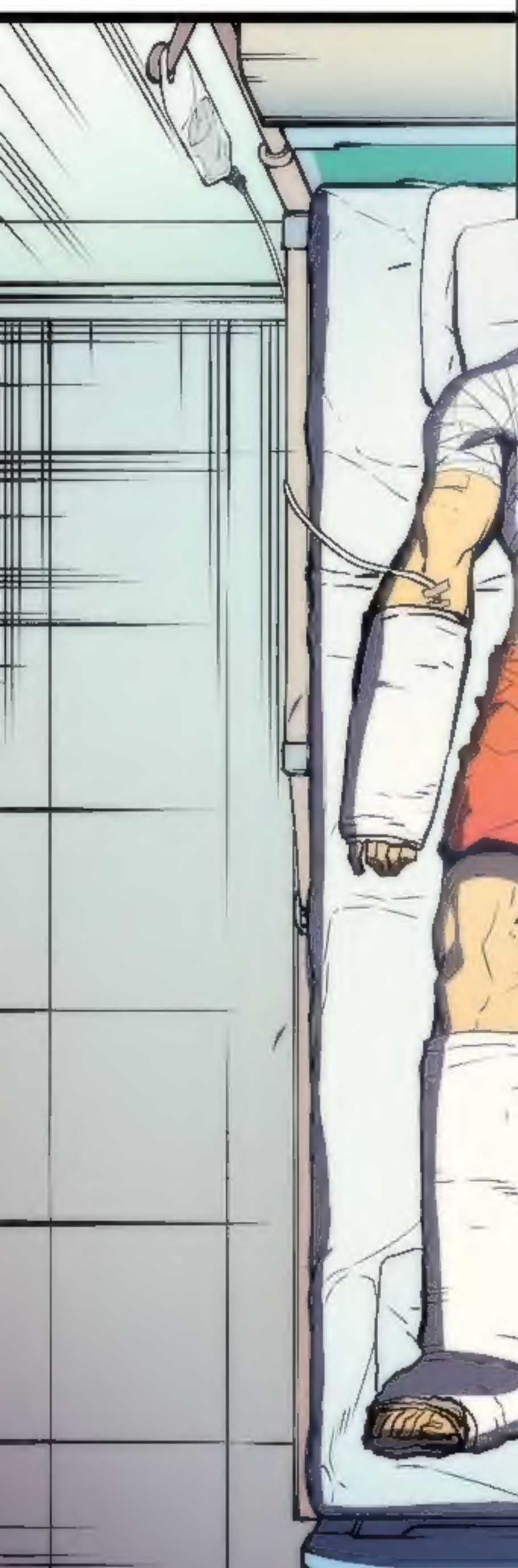
DEATH?



HOW DARE HE...  
THREATEN ME.

I ALREADY  
KNOW WHERE HE'S  
RUN OFF TO,

BUT I'LL NEED  
SOME EQUIPMENT  
BEFORE I GO  
AFTER HIM.



I SHOULD  
CONTACT THE GUILD.

ONCE I ACQUIRE  
SOME ARTIFACTS, I'LL  
HAVE NO PROBLEM  
CAPTURING HIM.



ONCE I'VE  
RECOVERED FROM  
MY INJURIES...





To Be Continued...

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